

Customer No.: 31561
Docket No.: 12706-US-PA
Application No.: 10/709,825

REMARKS

Present Status of the Application

The Office Action rejected claims 1-19 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicants Admitted Prior Art ("AAPA" hereinafter) in view of Stückelberg et al. Linux Remote-Boot mini-HOWTO: Configuring Remote-Boot Workstations with Linux, DOS, Windows 95/98 and Windows NT ("STU" hereinafter).

Claims 1-19 remain pending in the present application, and reconsideration of those claims is respectfully requested.

Discussion of the 103(a) rejections

The Office Action rejected claims 1-19 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over AAPA in view of STU. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections for at least the reasons set forth below.

Regarding claim 1, the Office Action stated that STU teaches a batch file (herein interpreted as a configuration file) which comprises a size of an allocated memory wherein memory is allocated according to the configuration file. Applicant respectfully disagrees.

STU does not teach a configuration file comprising a size of an allocated memory. STU teaches a size of a hard disk partition (the "SetPartitions" command). However, the allocated memory in claim 1 is patently distinguishable from the hard disk partition in STU.

STU does not teach allocating a memory block according to the size of the allocated memory, either. The batch file in STU has not a single command for memory allocation.

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Although STU teaches allocating a hard disk partition according to a specified size, the allocated memory in claim 1 is patently distinguishable from the hard disk partition in STU.

Based on the reasons above, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 is patentable over the combination of AAPA and STU. Claims 2-4 depend on claim 1 and are also patentable as a matter of law.

For reasons similar to those of claim 1, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 5 is patentable over the combination of AAPA and STU. Claims 6-10 depend on claim 5 and are also patentable as a matter of law.

For reasons similar to those of claim 1, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 11 is patentable over the combination of AAPA and STU. Claims 12-19 depend on claim 11 and are also patentable as a matter of law.

For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-19 patently define over the prior art references, and should be allowed.

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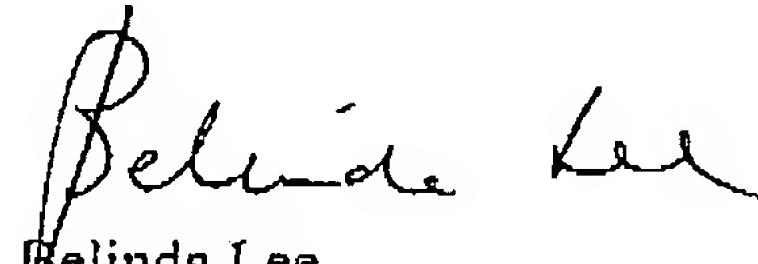
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CONCLUSION

For at least the foregoing reasons, it is believed that the pending claims 1-19 are in proper condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite the examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

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